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Venture Capital Forum Encouraging Higher Levels of Venture Capital Investments in PIER Emerging Technologies

The California Energy Commission cordially invites you to the Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Program's Venture Capital Forum. This event will bring together leading venture capitalists and innovative energy companies in the clean energy sector and encourage greater interaction between them and future PIER funded technologies. The Forum will also showcase research results from projects that have developed game-changing technologies that help California meet its energy policy goals and provide benefits for California's citizens and businesses. Featured projects have achieved exciting technology breakthroughs, built companies, and created jobs in the clean technology market. Many of these technologies achieved their success with the help of venture capital investment. The Commissioners from the Energy Commission may also attend and participate. The Forum will be held:

TUESDAY, June 7, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
East End Complex Auditorium
1500 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, California
(916) 445-3700
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Purpose

Part of the responsibilities of the PIER Program is to address the technology transfer and commercialization of the emerging technologies that PIER funds. A substantial element of the commercialization of the emerging technologies is obtaining funding to reach commercial success. One of the primary sources of these funds is from venture capitalists. This Forum will bring together venture capitalists and researchers from the clean technology energy sectors to show how PIER funded research can result in big

returns to California citizens in the form of new energy solutions, the development and expansion of new Clean Tech Startups, and more clean energy jobs. The Forum will:

- 1) Showcase companies that have developed new cutting edge technology solutions that are ready for commercial growth;
- 2) Highlight past and current PIER funded projects to attract potential investors;
- 3) Give attendees the opportunity to ask questions to both researchers and investors; and
- 4) Develop process improvements that encourage more venture capital investment in PIER technologies.

Background

California has long maintained a forward thinking, strategic leadership role in energy technology research and development. The Energy Commission's PIER program supports that role with targeted research efforts, partnerships, and outreach. One element of these research efforts is PIER's Energy Innovations Small Grant (EISG) solicitations which focus on early stage concept development and provide an opportunity for innovative thinkers to develop novel technology solutions that address California's energy policy goals. Following this early-stage research, successful projects are presented to private investors and others that will lead them to commercialization. These kinds of energy technology advancements are critical to help meet California's energy policy goals. This forum will address activities to encourage follow on funding for PIER technologies.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

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If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please e-mail Pedro Gomez at [PGomez@energy.state.ca.us].

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